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Filed: September 27, 2000 Examiner: Unknown  
For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING PROTEINS  
WHICH INFLUENCE BONE DEVELOPMENT  
ATTENTION: Refund Section  
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REQUEST FOR A REFUND OF 50% OF THE FILING FEE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

December 27, 2000

Sir,

The following documentation and remarks are respectfully  
submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

DOCUMENTATION

Attached hereto is a copy of an executed Statement Claiming  
Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) -  
Independent Inventor filed on even date herewith under separate  
cover.

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a), applicants hereby request a  
refund of 50% of the Filing Fee. Small entity status has been  
established by the filing of a statement on December 27, 2000.

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Small entity applicants may now file the necessary Statement within three (3) months of the date of payment of any particular fee and request a refund. Attached hereto is a copy of the Statement Claiming Small Entity Status as independent inventor. The present application qualifies for the reduced fees as implemented by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 1, 1982, and further amended on January 20, 1983 and September 8, 2000.

The present application was filed on September 27, 2000 with a filing fee of \$2,184.00. It is respectfully requested that the excess fee of \$1,092.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

Favorable action on the present Request is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments

Respectfully submitted,

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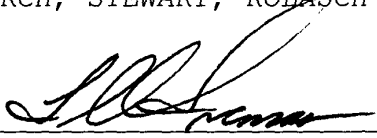
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Enclosed herewith is a Statement (Declaration) Claiming  
Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) -  
Independent Inventor (☒ original ☐ photocopy) which should be  
made part of the record of the present application.

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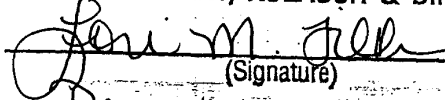
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